

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A system for transporting bulk, especially for transporting untreated drill cuttings, comprising a tank for containing the bulk during transport, the tank having an output unit at the bottom of the tank for feeding the bulk towards an output orifice in the tank bottom, characterized in that the tank is arranged below deck on a ship and comprises a lower frustoconical part that ends in a substantially flat bottom, and that a pump is arranged at a level lower than that of the tank bottom for receiving the bulk and advancing them through an unloading line, which unloading line has an essentially uniform cross section.

2. (Original) A system according to Claim 1, characterized in that the unloading line is made from or has an internal coating of a material with a low friction coefficient, e.g. a plastic material.

3. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, characterized in that the pump is a positive displacement pump.

4. (Original) A system according to Claim 3, characterized in that the pump has a first feed screw with a greater feeding capacity than a second downstream feed screw.

5. (Original) A tank for use in the system according to Claim 1, characterized in that the tank has an upper, substantially cylindrical part and a lower frustoconical part that ends in a substantially flat bottom, that the substantially flat bottom comprises an output orifice that extends from the side wall of the conical part to an inner dome or cone arranged essentially centrally on the flat bottom.

6. (Original) A tank according to Claim 5, characterized in that the dome or cone is formed by a hub in an output unit, which comprises one or more arms arranged to rotate so as to transport the bulk towards the output orifice.

7. (Currently Amended) A tank according to Claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the output orifice has a valve, preferably a gate valve, arranged to assume several positions between fully closed and fully open, in order to control the output rate of the bulk.

8. (Currently Amended) A tank according to Claim 5, 6 or 7, characterized in that the tank has a greatest diameter of at least 3 metres meters and no more than half the available inside width of the ship, that the side wall of the conical part has an angle of between 20° and 45°, and that the dome or cone has an angle that lies within the same limits.

9. (Currently Amended) An output unit for use in the system according to Claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a hub and one or more arms projecting from the hub, which hub is formed as a cone or a dome and is placed centrally in the bottom of the tank, and that the at least one arm extends from the hub to the periphery of the bottom.

10. (Original) An output unit according to Claim 9, characterized in that at least one arm extends at least partway up along a side wall in a conical part of the tank.

11. (New) A tank according to Claim 6, characterized in that the output orifice has a valve, preferably a gate valve, arranged to assume several positions between fully closed and fully open, in order to control the output rate of the bulk.

12. (New) A tank according to Claim 6, characterized in that the tank has a greatest diameter of at least 3 metres and no more than half the available inside width of the ship, that the side wall of the conical part has an angle of between 20° and 45°, and that the dome or cone has an angle that lies within the same limits.

13. (New) A tank according to Claim 7, characterized in that the tank has a greatest diameter of at least 3 metres and no more than half the available inside width of the ship, that the side wall of the conical part has an angle of between 20° and 45°, and that the dome or cone has an angle that lies within the same limits.